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**For: CLUSTERING DISK CONTROLLER, ITS DISK
CONTROL UNIT AND LOAD BALANCING
METHOD OF THE UNIT**

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 27, 2005, the period for response to which is set to expire on November 27, 2005, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for one month. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: